

Montana Trauma Medical Director Course

Introduction

Trauma Medical Director

The Trauma Medical Director (TMD) is the leader of the hospital's Trauma Program

S/he is the "hub of the wheel", serving as the point person for all issues related to the quality of care rendered to the trauma patient

S/he is the lead representative for the hospital's trauma program with EMS, other hospitals and local and state agencies involved in efforts to improve care

Ideally, you will represent your facility at your Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (RTAC) and the State Trauma Care Committee (STCC)

Trauma Medical Director

The Trauma Medical Director (TMD) is a vital advocate for both the trauma patient and the Trauma Program

S/he should be involved in ongoing discussions with Administration about Program priorities and making sure adequate financial and human resources are applied to allow the Program to meet its strategic goals

S/he should also advocate in the larger political realm, teaching local and state private and governmental leaders about the importance of quality trauma care and lobbying for the required resources and laws

Trauma Medical Director

Trauma care is a team sport

The patient can suffer if any link in the chain is weak or broken

This chain includes initial dispatch, initial fire and EMS response, transport (often to an outlying facility), care at the initial facility if patient is transferred then all areas of care at your facility

As TMD, you must be willing to be involved in problem solving at all levels of this continuum

Each step of the journey is dependent upon the prior step taken

Quality care only occurs when the entire system functions properly

Trauma Medical Director

This modular course will introduce you to the responsibilities inherent in leading a hospital Trauma Program

It includes information on team roles, the trauma center designation process, strategies for evaluating and improving quality and much more

Numerous modules contain links to suggested resources available to you

Never forget that your best resource is your peers, the experienced Trauma Medical Directors within our system, many of whom will be happy to answer questions/share best practices